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_____ was filed on _____ as Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION

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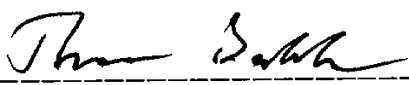
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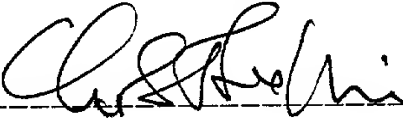
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